

## USCC Commissioners' Brief Bios

### **Larry M. Wortzel (Chairman)**

Former Director of the Asian Studies Center and Vice President for foreign policy at the Heritage Foundation; was also the former Director of the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College; former Army Attache at the U.S. Embassy in China. Reappointed by House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert for a term expiring December 31, 2006. Approved as Chairman for the Report cycle 2005-2006 effective February 3, 2006.

### **Carolyn Bartholomew (Vice Chairman)**

Former Chief of Staff, Counsel, Legislative Director, and Foreign Policy Advisor to U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; former Professional Staff Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Reappointed by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi on December 17, 2005 for a term expiring December 31, 2007. Unanimously approved as Vice-Chairman for the report cycle 2005-2006 effective December 21, 2005.

### **George Becker**

Vice President, Executive Council, AFL-CIO; former International President, United Steelworkers of America. Reappointed by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi on December 17, 2005 for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

### **Daniel A. Blumenthal**

Resident Fellow in Asian Studies at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. He is also an Associate in strategy, education and research consultancy at the Strategic Education Association, Inc. Previously, Mr. Blumenthal was senior director for China, Taiwan, and Mongolia in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs during the first George W. Bush administration. Appointed by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2007.

### **Peter Brookes**

Senior Fellow for National Security Affairs and Director, Asian Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation. Previously served in the George W. Bush administration as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; former professional member with the Republican staff of the House Committee on International Relations. Appointed by Speaker J. Dennis Hastert on January 25, 2006 for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

### **The Hon. C. Richard D'Amato**

Maryland attorney; former delegate Maryland House of Delegates; former Counsel to Senator Robert C. Byrd (WV). Served as Commission Chair and Vice-Chairman beginning in April 2001 through December 20, 2005. Reappointed by Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid on October 5, 2005, for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

### **Thomas Donnelly**

Resident fellow in defense and security policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute; former policy group director of the House Armed Services Committee; former editor of Army Times and executive editor of the National Interest. Appointed by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2006.

### **Kerri Houston**

Vice President for Policy for Frontiers of Freedom. Prior to joining Frontiers of Freedom, Ms. Houston served as National Field Director for the American Conservative Union. Also an former executive director of State Policy Network and director of external affairs for Dallas' Institute for Policy Innovation. Appointed by Speaker J. Dennis Hastert on January 25, 2006 for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

### **The Hon. Patrick A. Mulloy**

Adjunct Professor of International Trade Law at Catholic University and George Mason University law schools; former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance; former General Counsel, U.S. Senate Banking Committee. Reappointed for a third two-year term upon the recommendation of the Senate Democratic Leader beginning January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2006.

**The Hon. William A. Reinsch**

President, National Foreign Trade Council; former Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; former legislative assistant to Senator John Heinz (PA) and Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV (WV). Reappointed by Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid on October 5, 2005, for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

**The Hon. Fred D. Thompson**

Attorney and former United States Senator from Tennessee and member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Former Special Counsel to both the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Appointed by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2006.

**Michael R. Wessel**

President of The Wessel Group Inc.; former Counsel to Congressman Richard A. Gephardt (MO). Currently serves as a member on the Board of Directors of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., the world's largest tire company. Reappointed by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi for a term expiring December 31, 2006.

**T. Scott Bunton – Executive Director**

Served from 1998 to 2002 as Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration and in 2002-2003 worked in the Transition Planning Office in the Executive Office of the President that was responsible for “standing up” the Department of Homeland Security when it was established by law. Previously served as national security advisor, policy director, and chief of staff to two U.S. Senators, staff director of a Senate leadership Committee, and staff designee to the Senate Committee on Intelligence.